

## DEMOCRATS TO RESCIND THEIR "NO-SHIP" PLAN

The Insurgent Members in House Will Force Action.

Determined to force the Democratic caucus tonight to rescind its former action declaring against battleships, a score or more of "insurgent" Democrats today served an ultimatum upon Speaker Clark, Congressman Underwood, the minority leader, and Congressman Burleson, the caucus chairman.

The ultimatum is directed particularly at Mr. Burleson, who has been accused of shutting off free speech at the caucus two weeks ago, when the "larger navy" advocates were defeated by eight votes.

Campaign Mapped Out.

A meeting of the "insurgent" Democrats, headed by Congressman Sulzer of New York, was held last night. The following line of campaign was mapped out for the caucus tonight, which will be the fourth held by the Democrats on the subject of battleships:

A committee of three was appointed to wait upon Messrs. Clark, Underwood, and Burleson today. This committee will demand the following things at the party caucus tonight:

First, the rescinding of the action of three preceding caucuses.

Second, the release of all Democrats from caucus pledges, allowing each majority member of the House to vote as his conscience dictates when the conference on the naval appropriation bill is presented.

Third, free speech in the caucus, with two hours debate on the subject to be controlled by the two battleship advocates and the other by the anti-battleship partisans. Notice will be served that the "gag rule" will not work and that Mr. Burleson must recognize those who desire to speak in favor of the former caucus action or more new ships. At the caucus held two weeks ago, Mr. Burleson is accused of shutting off debate and failing to recognize even Mr. Underwood when the latter sought to speak in favor of a compromise on one ship.

Statement by Sulzer.

Following the meeting of protest held last night, Congressman Sulzer, who was selected as chairman of the gathering, said:

"We decided to appoint a committee of three, consisting of Congressmen Hobson, Carlin, and Pou, to wait upon Messrs. Clark, Underwood, and Burleson. This committee will inform these gentlemen that we want two hours' debate on the battleship question, that we will demand the rescinding of the former caucus action and the release of all Democrats to vote as they choose on this question."

"We have no precedents and we find that never before has any party made a partisan issue of the navy. I shall introduce a resolution to release all of the majority members of the House from the mandate of previous caucuses. This motion, we are satisfied, will carry if it will carry in the House, and this will mean two battleships, and there are a sufficient number of Democrats who will vote with the House majority to carry the Senate amendment for two ships."

Trouble L. Threatened.

"If free debate is denied—as it was at the last caucus—there will be trouble. None of us seek personal glory in this fight, but we are determined that the supremacy of the navy shall be maintained, and we challenge the right of the party caucus to dictate how we shall vote in the question of battleships. Never before has such a thing been attempted."

At the last caucus the vote was 70 to 42 against battleships, and the insurgents allege that eight men have no right to bind three scores who believe in an additional fleet of battleships. Never before has such a thing been attempted."

The probabilities are that the Democratic caucus tonight will be bitter and prolonged affair, and that a compromise will be reached whereby the House will agree to the authorization of one new dreadnaught.

Mr. Sulzer says the Senate will hold out for its two-ship amendment, but it is reliably reported that Mr. Underwood and other House leaders have been assured that the Senate will meet the House half way in the battleship fight.

Congressmen Sulzer, Pou, Hobson, Goldfogle, Levi, Underwood, Murray, Levy, Carlin, Donohue, Lee of Pennsylvania, Lobeck, Humphries, and Taggart are among the Democrats who attended the caucus last night, and will be present at the caucus to lead the fight for battleships tonight.

Boys Must Give Way To Camp Fire Girls

Next week is the last in which boys will be received at the River View boys' camp. On August 19 Campfire Girls, under direction of Miss Helen Wilson, will invade the camp and hold it for two weeks, the girls employing their vacation in practically the same exercises and athletic amusements that Boy Scouts have enjoyed for the last two months.

On account of the early closing of the camp to boys Superintendent of Playgrounds Martin is urging that boys who wish to go there should make their arrangements to start next Monday or earlier.

About thirty Campfire Girls have indicated that they will join the colony, and it is expected that fifty or more will be listed before August 15.

The boys now camp at the Wesley Allen, Zeno A. Biggs, Lorence Brandon, Robert Byrne, Arnold Carpenter, Frank Carpenter, Edward Duke, Philip Everett, Ernest Elwood, William George, Charles Guy, Byron Judges, Walter Jay, Guilford, Kennedy, Harold Keys, Benjamin Landy, Harry McLean, Fred Mills, Marshall Nevils, Joe Pitta, George Sherriff, Anton Sniegoski, Charles Schmidt, William Thomason, and Gordon Thomson.

Fleet's Summer Practice.

The entire Atlantic fleet with the torpedo flotilla and a number of auxiliary vessels has left Newport and put out to sea for the annual summer practice. Later in the month the fleet will cruise to the southern drill grounds, off the Virginia capes.

Will Rejoin Regiment.

Capt. Aubrey Lippincott, Thirtieth Cavalry, was today relieved from duty in the office of the chief of staff of the army, and will proceed at once to join his regiment.

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